

# Student Information

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## Answer 1

If  $6^{2n-1}$  is divisible by both 5 and 7 then it is divisible by  $5 \cdot 7 = 35$  (divisibility theorem).

Base step: for  $n=1$ ,  $6^{2 \cdot 1} - 1 = 35$  and  $35/35=1$ .  $6^{2n} - 1 = 35\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^+$

Inductive hypothesis: assume  $n=k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $35|6^{2k} - 1 = 35\beta$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^+$

Induction: prove for  $n=k+1$

$$35|6^{2k+2} - 1 = 35\gamma, \gamma \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

$$= 6^{2k} * 6^2 - 1$$

$$= (35\beta + 1) * 6^2 - 1 \text{ By induction hypothesis}$$

$$= 35(36\beta - 1)$$

$$= 35\gamma$$

By mathematical induction, it was proven that  $6^{2n-1}$  is divisible by 35, hence divisible by 5 and 7 for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$

## Answer 2

Base step:  $n=0$   $H_0 = 1 \leq 9^0$

$$H_1 = 5 \leq 9^1$$

$$H_2 = 7 \leq 9^2$$

Inductive hypothesis: assume  $H_j \leq 9^j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq k$  where  $k \geq 2$

Induction: prove for  $H_{k+1} \leq 9^{k+1}$

$$H_{k+1} = 8H_k + 8H_{k-1} + 9H_{k-2} *$$

$$8H_k + 8H_{k-1} + 9H_{k-2} \leq 9^{k+1}$$

$$8H_k + 8H_{k-1} + 9H_{k-2} \leq 8 * 9^k + 8 * 9^{k-1} + 9 * 9^{k-2}$$

$$8H_k + 8H_{k-1} + 9H_{k-2} \leq 9^{k-2} (8 * 9^2 + 8 * 9 + 9)$$

$$729 = 9^3 \quad 8H_k + 8H_{k-1} + 9H_{k-2} \leq 9^{k-2}$$

$$\text{By } * \quad H_{k+1} \leq 9^{k+1}$$

By strong induction, it was proven that  $H_n \leq 9^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for any integer  $n \geq 3$ .

## Answer 3

Let  $a_n$  be the number of bit-strings of length  $n$  with 4 consecutive 0's. So,  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 2^{n-5} - a_{n-5}$  because such a string can be taken by a string of length  $n-1$  (by putting 0 or 1 at the end) or from a string of length  $n-4$  (by putting 10000 at the end).

Following that,  $a_0 = a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$  and  $a_4 = 1$ . Then by recursion,  $a_5 = 3, a_6 = 8, a_7 = 20, a_8 = 48$ .

The same logic is implemented to  $b_n$ , number of strings with 4 consecutive 1's.

In the above calculations, we added to the result strings such as 11110000,00001111.

So, the number of string with either 4 consecutive 0's or 4 consecutive 1's is  $a_n + b_n - 2 = 48 + 48 - 2 = 94$

## Answer 4

1) Choose 1 star. There are  $\binom{10}{1}$  ways.

2) Choose 2 habitable stars  $\binom{20}{2}$  ways.

3) Choose 8 non-habitable stars  $\binom{80}{8}$  ways.

There are 9 slots between non-habitable planets. For example, —X—X—X—X—X—X—X—X—  
1st planet can only be in one of the first three slots.

If it is in 1st slot, there are 3 options for habitable 2.

If it is in 2nd slot, there are 2 options for habitable planet 2.

If it is in 3rd slot, there is only 1 option for habitable planet 2.

Hence, the quantity is  $\binom{4}{2}$ .

By product rule,  $\binom{10}{1} * \binom{20}{2} * \binom{80}{8} * \binom{4}{2}$ .

As planets are distinct, we should permute habitable and non-habitable. So, the final result is  $\binom{10}{1} * \binom{20}{2} * \binom{80}{8} * \binom{4}{2} * 2! * 8!$

## Answer 5

a) Consider  $a_n$  to be a recurrence relation

$a_{n-1}$  1 step

$a_{n-2}$  2 steps

$a_{n-3}$  3 steps

Then,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$

b)  $a_1 = (1)$ . So there is 1 way

$a_2 = (1,1), (2)$ . So there are 2 ways

$a_3 = (1,1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (3)$ . So there are 4 ways

$$\mathbf{c)} \quad a_9 = a_8 + a_7 + a_6$$

$$a_8 = a_7 + a_6 + a_5$$

$$a_7 = a_6 + a_5 + a_4$$

$$a_6 = a_5 + a_4 + a_3$$

$$a_5 = a_4 + a_3 + a_2$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + a_2 + a_1 = 1 + 2 + 4 = 7$$

Traversing from down to up.

$$a_5 = 7 + 4 + 2 = 13$$

$$a_6 = 13 + 7 + 4 = 24$$

$$a_7 = 24 + 13 + 7 = 44$$

$$a_8 = 44 + 24 + 13 = 81$$

$$a_9 = 81 + 44 + 24 = 149$$

Answer is 149.